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Applicant: Bitler

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Title: Polymeric Thickeners for Oil-Containing Compositions

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AMENDMENTS

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Please amend this application as follows.

In the Specification

- Page 2, line 3      replace "5,053,257" by -- 5,053,057 --
- Page 2, lines 3-4    replace "5,2700,379, 5,319,255" by -- 5,270,379, 5,319,055 --
- Page 2, line 4      replace" 5,6100,202 "by --5,610,002 --
- Page 7,line 10      replace "ammonium salt containing the" by  
--ammonium-salt-containing --
- Page 6, line 7      replace "°C." by -- °C. --
- Page 6, line 8      replace "°C," by -- °C., --
- Page 6, line 9      replace "°C." by -- °C. --
- Page 8, lines 30-31 replace "10-40 °C., particularly 10-30 °C., especially about 20 °C.,  
above" by    -- 10-40 °C. above, particularly 10-30 °C. above,  
especially about 20 °C. above, --

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